

Maggie Brooks

Monroe County Executive

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Brooks' Projects Score Big in Federal Spending Plan

County Executive **Maggie Brooks** announced that Congressional approval of the \$388 billion omnibus appropriations bill contained good news for Monroe County.

Three projects which Brooks had lobbied for extensively throughout the year were included in the federal spending plan.

"I am proud that Monroe County's Federal delegation came through for our community," said Brooks. "We identified these projects, early on in my Administration, as our local priorities for federal dollars. It's great to see that a lot of hard work, all around, really paid off."

Brooks identified the three projects as: Renaissance Square, which received \$12.1 million; the Monroe County Water Authority's planned Eastside Water Treatment Facility, which received \$4 million; and, the Greater Rochester International Airport's runway expansion project, which received \$1.25 million.

"All three of these projects will significantly benefit our community when they are completed," said Brooks. "They will improve the quality of life for our residents, make our community an even more desirable place to locate and do business, and they will create jobs."

Brooks has taken the lead on lobbying for these projects, since becoming County Executive in January. She had worked closely with members of her staff and staff at RGRTA, the Monroe County Water Authority and the Greater Rochester International Airport to develop strong proposals for these projects. Throughout the year, Brooks has personally discussed the importance of these projects for our community with members of Monroe County's Congressional Delegation, including members of the Senate and House of Representatives. She has also reached out to other Congressional leaders and key staff members to push for these projects.

"Our delegation in the House and Senate really listened to us and came together, in a bi-partisan effort, on behalf of our community," said Brooks. "This Federal money is a tremendous boost for each of these projects."